

Prisoner Updates

Russia

21st of February 2024 anti-war prisoner **Anton Zhuchkov**, sentenced for **10 years** for planned anti-war Molotov cocktail action against police in centre of Moscow, was tortured in a Krasnoyarsk prison in Siberia. Among other things, during torture he was asked about the Anarchist Black Cross. Zhuchkov is not an anarchist, but in early stages of his arrest, he was contacted in name of the Anarchist Black Cross. Currently he is supported by Solidarity Zone, an anti-authoritarian initiative to support anti-war direct action prisoners. The torture of Zhuchkov is another sign that Russian authorities plan to target ABC groups, and due to these warning signs ABC Moscow has currently decided to move out from Russia and is working in exile only.

Alexey Rozhkov, one of the first people who took direct action against war in Ukraine in Russia. 11th of March 2022, 15 days after beginning of the war, he attacked a military enlistment office in a suburb of the city of Yekaterinburg in Ural mountains with a Molotov cocktail, and was immediately arrested. He was released, court pending, in the autumn of 2022, as his accusations were not severe, and he managed to escape to Kyrgyzstan, from where he was illegally rendered back to Russia in May of 2023. Back in Russia, he was charged with a number of terrorist offences, and now he will face up to **30 years in prison**.

Ruslan Siddiqui, arrested in the end of November 2023 in the city of Ryazan, 180 km South-East from Moscow. He is accused of having derailed a freight train 11th of November, and a drone attack against airport of Dyagilevo in Ryazan region, which took place 20th of July 2023. He is charged with terrorist offences, and may spend up to **30 years in prison**.

Ireland

Our solidarity activity continues with anarchist and antifascist prisoners in Ireland and in other parts of the world. We are active in helping to highlight

incarcerations and detentions of anarchist and antifascists by the state through protest, pickets and on social media. Our website address is www.abcireland.wordpress.com

We continue to support the Irish Anarchist prisoner **John Paul Wootton**. John Paul has recently changed prison and welcomes letters, post cards of support and solidarity from everyone. John Paul is part of the Craigavon Two, which includes **Brendan McConnville**, who now along with their families continues to fight against their **wrongful imprisonment and another gross miscarriage of justice** inflicted upon them by the British State.

USA

After nearly ten years, **Eric King** has finally been **released** and is working and living with his family in Colorado. **Jennifer Rose** has been moved to a women's facility. **Marius Mason** has been transferred back to Texas. **Bill Dunne** has been transferred in order to start cancer treatment. **Michael Kimble** continues to organize and support other queer prisoners in the dungeons of Alabama prisons. **Sean Swain** has just celebrated the 10th anniversary of his segment on The Final Straw Radio show. **Malik Muhammad** is stuck in isolation in retaliation for fasting during Ramadan. Many of them continue to contribute to the anarchist prisoner journal Fire Ant.

Indonesia

Serikat Tahanan (The Inter-Correctional Prisoner Union) is a political organization of anti-authoritarian prisoners in Indonesia that was officially established on **July 17, 2023**. The union is managed by prisoners as well as comrades outside prison.

It operates with a dual structure, namely members of the union (prisoners) where decision-making is taken, and a solidarity group outside that supports needs and carries out work that can't be done from inside the prison.

As of now, ST represents eight detainees ranging from arson cases labeled as terrorism, vandalism for incitement to riots, and marijuana and other types of

drug use. Other than that, ST has also been supporting detainees of labor union activists, farmers, and those who are fighting against eviction.

Instagram: @serikattahanan, Email: serikattahanan@riseup.net

Belarus

ABC Belarus currently supports 28 anarchist prisoners in Belarus, 7 of them are long term prisoners. <https://abc-belarus.org>

Palestine

Total Number of Political Prisoners: 9300

Administrative Detainees: 3410

Child prisoners: 250

Women prisoners: 74

Kevan Thakrar

Kev was wrongfully sentenced to a lifetime in prison in 2008, and has been fighting for his freedom ever since. He is one of the prolific prisoners in challenging prison conditions, racism and injustice. He has been subjected to severe torture and solitary confinement in the UK's most highest security prisons – Close Supervision Centres that act as prisons within prisons. He continues to fight for his appeal. He appreciates letters and support via action alerts.

He's recently been moved to HMP Whitemoor.

Write to Kevan: Kevan Thakrar A4907AE, HMP Whitemoor, Longhill Rd, March PE15 0PR

Website: <https://justiceforkevan.org/>

Eric King released after nine years!

King had been incarcerated since his arrest on September 16, 2014, five days after he attempted a firebombing of a congressman's office in Kansas City, Missouri in solidarity with the anti-police uprising in Ferguson that year. Although no one was harmed (he made sure no one was in the building) and the molotov cocktails never ignited, he was charged with one count of using "explosive materials to commit arson of property used in or affecting interstate commerce".

Throughout the two-hour car ride north to Denver, King got acquainted with his new cell phone — a smartphone — which he hadn't ever used before. He played music on it and sang along to songs by Taylor Swift, Pat The Bunny, Against Me! and others. His wife and daughter spent time going over items they were leaving with him in his two suitcases for the halfway house, where he'll be spending between two weeks to two months living.

The car ride was full of jokes, laughter, snacks King missed, "real" coffee which tasted incredibly strong to King, braiding of his long hair by his daughter, and hugs, many, many hugs.

Gifts were also shared with King from his wife — most of which had important political meaning to both of them, such as a 'Free Palestine' shirt printed in rainbow-colored font, a beaded bracelet resembling the Palestinian flag, and a baseball hat inscribed with 'No War But Class War.'

King walked out of prison wearing a bright red t-shirt with 'Protect Trans Kids' printed on it, which he also wore to the halfway house. "I got to walk out of prison wearing clothes that represent who I am, and so that felt really great."

<https://www.instagram.com/supportericking/>

Marius Mason is an anarchist, environmental, and animal rights prisoner. In March 2008, he was arrested by federal authorities for charges related to two acts of property destruction that occurred in 1999 and 2000 – damaging an office connected to GMO (Genetically Modified Organism) research, and destroying a piece of logging equipment. He faced a life sentence before accepting a plea bargain in September 2008. In 2009 he was sentenced to almost **22 years** – the longest sentence of any Green Scare prisoner. An appeal for a reduction in his sentence was denied in 2010.

In 2014, Marius came out to friends, family, and supporters as transgender. Ever since, he has advocated for himself and other trans prisoners to have access to name changes, hormones and other gender-affirming medical care, and transfer to other facilities. He started the Day of Solidarity with Trans Prisoner which occurs every year on January 22. <https://supportmariusmason.org/>

John Paul Wootton is a vegan anarchist prisoner and IWW/IWOC member, **wrongfully convicted** of the murder of a police officer in the “Craigavon 2” case, after a trial before a “Diplock” court, a **secret military court with no jury**. The case has been supported as a miscarriage of justice by high profile campaigners, legal experts & human rights activists. <https://www.jftc2.ie/>

Bill Dunne is an anti-authoritarian sentenced to **90 years** for the attempted liberation of comrades from Seattle’s King County Jail in 1979 and for attempting to break himself out of Leavenworth Penitentiary in 1983. Dunne was charged with possession of an automatic weapon, auto theft, and with aiding & abetting the escape. <https://prisonersolidarity.com/prisoner/bill-dunne>

Michael Kimble is a black, gay anarchist serving a life sentence in Alabama for the murder of a white, homophobic, racist bigot. During his first years of imprisonment, Michael embraced communism, but soon moved away from it and toward anarchy because, as he describes it “anarchism is not about building a hierarchical structure for liberation somewhere in the distant future, but about living your life, now, in a fashion that’s liberating.” Michael has a long history of both individual and collective struggle against racism, homophobia, and prison authority. He continues to organize with and help his fellow prisoners.

<https://anarchylive.noblogs.org/>

Jennifer Amelia Rose is an anti-authoritarian trans woman and insurrectionist amazon held captive for over **25 years** for armed robberies and a 1995 attack on a district attorney and associate prison warden. She took part in the 1991 Folsom Prison hunger strike, after which she was beaten and tortured, convicted for armed resistance, and sentenced to multiple 25-to-life sentences under the Three Strikes Law. She has spent over **ten years in solitary confinement** at Folsom and the Pelican Bay Secure Housing Unit. Despite all of this, Jennifer continues to struggle for freedom, remaining a committed anti-authoritarian, anti-imperialist, anti-racist, anti-fascist, and anti-capitalist.
<https://betweenthebars.org/blogs/490/jennifer-amelia-rose>

Alfredo Cospito was jailed for **10 years in 2012** for shooting Ansaldo Nuclear chief Roberto Adinolfi in the leg, after this sorcerer of the atomic industry made callous statement following the Fukushima disaster. Nicola Gai received a slightly lesser 9 year sentence for being the getaway driver, and has since been released. During that imprisonment, Alfredo was also sentenced to life imprisonment for previously setting off two bombs in front of a police academy near Turin in 2006. In May 2022, he was moved to **41-bis**, becoming the first anarchist to be punished under the particularly heinous solitary confinement regime. [Alfredo Cospito, Casa di Reclusione di Milano Opera, via Camporgnago 40, 20141 Milano, Italy](https://www.alfredocospito.it/)

Anna Beniamino is an anarchist sentenced to **17 years** by the Italian state for allegedly taking part in five separate bombing attacks, and for promoting the FAI. Her sentence is part of the Scripta Manent case. The Fossano bombing in 2006 attacked a school for training Italy’s Carabinieri military-police officers. The Crocetta bombing in 2007 was aimed at the police, and took place in the Crocetta District in Turin. Three mail bombings in 2006 were sent to the then-mayor of Turin, the editor of the newspaper Torino Cronaca, and to a company involved in a prison built for detaining and deporting migrants. [Anna Beniamino, C.C. di Roma Rebibbia femminile, via Bartolo Longo 92, 00156 Roma, Italia – Italy](https://www.annabeniamino.it/)

Sam Faulder is an anarchist prisoner currently serving a **life sentence** in England. Sam is a miscarriage of justice who has done over **ten years in the prison system for a murder she did not commit**. She spends her time supporting other prisoners. She is now working with Cardiff University's Innocence Project on her appeal. Sam's story highlights intersecting challenges of mental health, trauma, addiction and a corrupt criminal justice system in which there is no even playing field. She was diagnosed with cancer in 2016, beginning a long journey of medical neglect in the prison system where access to treatment faced significant delays and disruption. Her interests include music, astrology, and pagan spirituality. She loves post with silly pictures and nature images. <http://freedomforsam.org/>

Malik Muhammad is a Black, Muslim, pansexual, anarchist revolutionary, political prisoner, husband and father. He is serving a **10 year sentence** for bold actions taken for liberation during the 2020 Uprising in Portland, Oregon. <https://malikspeaks.noblogs.org/>

Xinachtli (Nahuatl, meaning “seed”) is a community organizer from Texas. Police informants were used to monitor Xinachtli’s organizing activities in the barrio. They were told Xinachtli was “typing legal papers,” “had many books” and was working on police brutality cases in Alpine. The police knew of Xinachtli’s history of community-based organizing and his legal skills. Xinachtli was recognized nationally and internationally as the national coordinator of the Ricardo Aldape Guerra Defense Committee, which led the struggle to free Mexican national Aldape Guerra from Texas’ death row after being framed by Houston police for allegedly killing a cop.

He was sentenced in Odessa, Texas on June 2-9, 1997 to **50 years in prison** for defending himself by disarming a police officer drawing a weapon on him. The trial evidence clearly showed Xinachtli was the victim of witch hunts and a police-orchestrated conspiracy to frame or eliminate him. <https://freealvaro.net/>

“Aaron Will Live Forever”

Lupe – for Aaron Bushnell

Aaron will live forever. I know this, because everyone who was loved by Aaron will carry a bit of him in their soul, and everyone who witnessed his sacrifice will carry him in their minds. Aaron cherished life. He knew that in giving up his own, he could give the people of Palestine a chance to keep theirs. Aaron has permanently changed the fabric of your being. You know this because for the rest of your life, you will wrestle with the thought of what you will sacrifice for the liberation of others.

My friend said that everywhere Aaron went, he planted trees. I imagine these seeds planted in our hearts and minds. They will sprout, and they will grow into giant strong trees with deep roots built to weather the many battles that lie ahead on this burning planet. They will remain upright, like Aaron did, until they no longer can, but by then their own seeds will have been planted in the hearts of our loved ones, and they will grow into trees as well. They will continue this struggle until the beautiful world that Aaron knew we deserved is born.